

**26 AUGUST 1961 CHECKLIST (COPY)**

1. BERLIN DEVELOPMENTS: A) ULBRICHT'S SPEECH YESTERDAY DID NOT CLARIFY BLOC INTENTIONS ON SIGNING OF A PEACE TREATY, MERELY STATING "IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DELAY A PEACE TREATY ANY FURTHER." ULBRICHT SAID HE WOULD HONOR EXISTING ALLIED MILITARY ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN UNTIL THERE WAS A TREATY BUT INSISTED THAT THE WEST MUST NEGOTIATE WITH HIM IF IT HOPES TO MAINTAIN ACCESS ONCE A TREATY IS SIGNED.

B) YESTERDAY SOVIET AMBASSADOR SMIRNOV TOLD AN AMERICAN AUDIENCE IN BONN THAT THE "BEST SOLUTION" FOR THE BERLIN AID CORRIDOR PROBLEM WOULD BE TO TRANSFER ALL CIVILIAN FLIGHTS FROM TEMPELHOF AND TEGEL AIRFIELDS (WEST BERLIN) TO SCHOENEFELD (EAST BERLIN). IF THIS IS NOT DONE, SMIRNOV SAID, THE SAME CONTROLS MUST BE ESTABLISHED FOR CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AS EXIST NOW FOR RAILWAYS, AUTOBAHNS, AND WATERWAYS.

C) THE NUMBER OF UNIFORMED EAST GERMAN PERSONNEL ALONG THE BERLIN SECTOR BORDER HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED. EAST GERMANY HAD ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY THAT ABOUT 5,000 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED WORKERS MILITIA WERE BEING RETURNED TO THE FACTORIES.

D) THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE SINCE 14 AUGUST IN THE NUMBER OF ASSAULTS BY EAST GERMAN CIVILIANS ON EAST GERMAN MILITARY AND PARAMILITARY PERSONNEL.

WE HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS AT THIS TIME.

E) EAST GERMAN ARMY UNITS INVOLVED IN THE BERLIN ALERT ARE NOW RECEIVING RECRUITS ONLY PARTIALLY TRAINED. THE REGIME REPORTEDLY IS PREPARED TO RESORT TO CONSCRIPTION IF IT FALLS SHORT OF THE 30,000

"VOLUNTEERS" IN WANTS FROM THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

F) WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER BRENTANO HAS SENT A LETTER TO LOCAL WEST GERMAN POLITICIANS TO URGE NONATTENDANCE OR AT LEAST REDUCED ATTENDANCE AT THE TAG DER HEIMAT RALLY SCHEDULED FOR 1 SEPTEMBER IN WEST BERLIN. HOPE IS TO CONFINE ATTENDANCE TO THE WEST BERLIN ORGANIZATION OF THE SPONSORING REFUGEE GROUP. [REDACTED]

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2. BRAZIL: [REDACTED]

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QUADROS AND ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS WERE REPORTED IN SEVERAL BRAZILIAN CITIES, INCLUDING RIOTING AT THE US EMBASSY AND THE USIA INSTALLATION IN RIO AND FURTHER DISORDERS CAN BE EXPECTED. BRAZILIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE APPARENTLY NOT BEEN PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS. THEY REPORTEDLY ARE "DISORGANIZED" AND ENGAGED IN "INTERNAL RECRIMINATIONS" BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO SLOW IN SUPPORTING QUADROS, WHOSE ELECTION THEY OPPOSED LAST OCTOBER. COMMUNIST POLICY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. [REDACTED]

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#### NOTES

A. RUMANIAN PRESIDENT GHEORGHE GHEORGHIU-DEJ CASUALLY TOLD THE US CHARGE IN BUCHAREST THAT HE PLANS TO "VISIT NEW YORK" THIS FALL. SINCE HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT ATTEND THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS OTHER BLOC LEADERS PARTICIPATED ALSO, HIS REMARK MAY BE A TRIAL BALLOON TO DETERMINE US REACTION TO A POSSIBLE VISIT BY KHRUSHCHEV FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO ARRANGE FOUR POWER NEGOTIATIONS OVER BERLIN. [REDACTED]

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B. NORTH KOREAN MILITARY AIR ACTIVITY HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL FOLLOWING THE EXTENSIVE EXERCISE CONDUCTED THURSDAY (REPORTED IN

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**YESTERDAY'S CHECKLIST). THE CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY ALERT  
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